

4. (Amended) A method as claimed in claim 1[, 2 or 3] wherein the flat or substantially flat former is formed by moulding.

5. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any preceding claim and] claim 1, further comprising the step of securing the former after the step of bending the former.

6. (Amended) A method as claimed in [any preceding] claim 1 wherein the former comprises a groove and the electrical conductor is disposed in the groove.

9. (Amended) A coil as claimed in claim 7 [or 8] wherein a groove is defined in the former and the electrical conductor is disposed in the groove.

10. (Amended) A coil as claimed in [any of claims] claim 7 [to 9] wherein the former is tubular.

11. (Amended) An MRI system comprising a coil as defined in [any of claims] claim 7 [to 10], the coil constituting a gradient coil of the MRI system.

Please add the following new claims:

--13. (Added) A method as claimed in claim 2 wherein the former is manufactured for a resilient material.

14. (Added) A method as claimed in claim 13 wherein the flat or substantially flat former is formed by moulding.

15. (Added) A method as claimed in claim 2, further comprising the step of securing the former after the step of bending the former.